

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Johnathan Scherer.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 30, line 8, after the word secured, insert --only--.

In claim 30, line 11, after the word recess, delete "." and insert --, the pellet having side surfaces extending orthogonal relative to an upper and lower face of the pellet.—

In claim 34, line 7, after the word secured, insert --only--.

In claim 34, line 10, after the word recess, delete "." and insert --, the pellet having side surfaces extending orthogonal relative to an upper and lower face of the pellet, and said pellet having indicia identifying a size of the female recess.—

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the limitation of a planar identification device including a pellet identifying the tool by inscription, the pellet being located completely inside the female recess and spanning without a hole

across the recess, being secured only by friction between the lateral surface of the pellet and the inner wall of the female recess at the bottom of the recess and the pellet having the same shape as a cross section of the recess, was not found in the prior art.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shantese L. McDonald whose telephone number is (571) 272-4486. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph Hail can be reached on (571) 272-4485. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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